CITY of ELGIN
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 14, 1999

COUNCILORS PRESENT- Glenn Clark
Pat McMullen
John Stover
Joe Estes
John Braughton
Berta Churchill - Mayor
ABSENT- John McElravy

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Berta Churchill

Approval of Minutes
The Mayor called for approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 9,1999. Councilor McMullen moved to approve the minutes as presented, with Councilor Clark as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Supervisors Reports
The Mayor called for the supervisors reports.
Police- Chief Sibley reported that a cougar has been sighted numerous times in the south part of town. ODF&W has been contacted. They have suggested that if the police department shoot the animal if an opportunity arises.

Public works- Kyle Boylen; absent, no report.
Library- Sandra Good, written report submitted.

Fire- Chief McDonald reported that the department is working on "operation Santa". He also reported that the 9-1-1 center had an outage last Thursday. They dispatched all emergency responders to standby their facilities and broadcasted alternate emergency phone numbers for the services over the radio stations.

Ambulance- Carla Hubbard; absent, no report
Municipal Court- Ralph Howell submitted the monthly court report.
Recorder/Administrator- Joe Garlitz, no report

Citizens to Speak
Elgin Edge, Kathleen Koch: Oregon Downtown grant application
Mrs. Koch was not available. Mr. Garlitz explained that the Oregon Downtown Development Association was willing to make a grant application with Elgin and with several other small communities in NE Oregon to assist in developing their downtown areas. They are asking for a commitment of support from the City Council and a commitment from the community of $1,000. After discussion, Councilor McMullen moved to support the grant application and to make a matching financial contribution to the project provided that the merchants are willing to support the project, with Councilor Braughton as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.
Old Business
Community Bank proposal for services
Karen Chadwick and Clint Stein from Community Bank presented a proposal for providing banking services to the City. They presented proposals for both the City's savings account and the checking account. The savings account proposal will provide interest at the pool rate plus .10. The general account charges are approximately 50% of the charges currently being paid by the City. The Council received the proposal and will examine it for a discussion at the next Council meeting.

Community Development block grant for housing rehab in Union County
Mr. Garlitz reported that the County is proceeding with a block grant application for the housing rehabilitation loan program. They need the City to provide a list of possible clients. La Grande and Union are also included in the proposal and will be listing clients as well.

Adopt, by motion, voluntary urine drug screen project

Last month Chief Sibley presented a program to allowed voluntary, confidential, urine drug tests. The testing is strictly confidential and is to be used for parental information only. Councilor Braughton moved to adopt the program and have the police chief administer the tests per the proposed procedures, with Councilor Estes as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

SCERT projects priority listing

The Union County SCERT committee has prioritized development projects for the next year. Hun-a-ha RV park was listed 1st, the incubator facility was listed 4th and the Opera House restoration was listed 8th for community facility projects. The water storage improvements was listed 2nd for infrastructure projects.

Deer in City

The Council continued the discussion regarding deer in town. After discussion Councilor Stover moved to request ODF&W to take all reasonable aggressive means to remove resident deer from the city, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Councilor Stover moved to proceed toward the adoption of an ordinance to prohibit intentional feeding of any wild animal over a weight of 20 lbs within the city limits, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Committee Reports

The Mayor then called for the committee reports.
Administration: Councilors McMullen and Estes reported that the bills had been reviewed.
Public Works: Councilor Braughton had no report.
Public Safety: Councilors Stover and Clark had no further business to report

New Business

Adopt rules for public contracting

The legislature has, again, passed a bill requiring public agencies to adopt rules for public contacting. Resolution 1069 re-establishing procedures for public contracting was presented. Councilor Stover moved to approve Resolution 1069 as presented, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Annexation of City into Rural Fire District

Chief McDonald reported that Bob Crouser of the Rural Fire District has been approached by a patron who has offered to make a ?substantial? contribution for the construction of a new fire hall. The offer is contingent on the rural and city departments being consolidated. Ralph Howell has offered to explore the requirements and possibility of combining the two departments. He will be reporting to the Council and the rural board as appropriate. It is anticipated that the matter would be on the November 2000 ballot.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted. No action was taken.

Elgin Clinic committee meeting minutes
Community Connection, meeting invitation
Burns High School Band request for money

Good of the Order

Councilor McMullen moved to approve the bills as presented, with Councilor Clark as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Councilor Estes moved to adjourn, with Councilor McMullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted;
Joe Garlitz,
Recorder/Administrator